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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Murray C. Maytom, et al. :

APPLICATION NO.: 09/248,438

FILING DATE: February 11, 1999

TITLE: Method of Treating Impotence Due to Spinal
Cord InjuryAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: M. Moezie

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This is in response to the Office Action of April 25, 2000 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and comments which follow is respectfully requested.

Please make the following changes in the application.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 3 and 4 without waiver or prejudice.

Remarks

As a preliminary matter, attention is directed to the petition for three months extension of time filed together with this response.

As a further preliminary matter, attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement also filed together with this response.

The Examiner's remarks relating to claims 3-4 being substantial duplicates of claims 5-6 have been noted. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's comments, claims 3-4 have been canceled without waiver or prejudice to expedite prosecution.

Claims 1-10 stand provisionally rejected for obviousness type double patenting over copending application 08/549,792. The Examiner stated that one of ordinary skill would have found it obvious to employ the instant compounds to treat sexual dysfunction in a host with an injured spinal cord since any animal host suffering from sexual dysfunction would be reasonably expected to exhibit a similar